

HOUSE BILL NO. 80

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING THE REDUCED FARM RATE GVW FEE TO BE APPLICABLE TO VEHICLES HAULING TIMBER HARVESTED ON A RANCH, FARM, ORCHARD, OR DAIRY TO MARKET; AMENDING SECTION 61-10-206, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 61-10-206, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-10-206. Special fees -- certain farm vehicles. (1) Except for motortrucks owned and operated by cooperative associations or cooperative marketing associations, there must be paid and collected annually a fee equal to 35% of the fees provided in ~~Schedule I and Schedule H~~ 61-10-201 on:

(a) motortrucks owned and operated by ranchers or farmers in:

(i) the transportation of their own ranch, farm, orchard, or dairy products from point of production to market; ~~or of~~

(ii) the transportation of timber harvested on their own ranch, farm, orchard, or dairy from point of harvest to market;

(iii) the transportation of supplies, commodities, or equipment to be used on the ranch, farm, orchard, or dairy; ~~or in~~

(iv) the infrequent or seasonal transportation by one farmer for another for any purpose other than commercial hire of products of the farm, orchard, or dairy; ~~or~~

(iv) the transportation of supplies or commodities to be used on the farm, orchard, or dairy; and

(b) one truck tractor and lowboy trailer used by contractors engaged exclusively in soil conservation work and land leveling activities that result in direct benefit to agriculture.

(2) The minimum fee is \$6."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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